

MARCH 28, 1806.

Read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House,
on Monday next.

A Bill.

Incorporating an institution in the city of Washington, in the district of Columbia, for the education of youth, and the promotion and diffusion of learning and science; and granting to the same certain public lots within the said city.



Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America, in congress assembled,* That Thomas Jefferson, Gabriel Duval, Robert Brent, William Cranch, Samuel Harrison Smith, John Tayloe, Thomas Tingey, Nicholas King, Thomas Munroe, Joseph Bromley, George Blagden, William Brent, John Dempsie, and their successors, who may form the board of trustees appointed to superintend the education of youth at the city of Washington, according to an ordinance of the city council, be constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of "The Washington Institution for Learning and Science;" and by their corporate name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, grant, receive, and do all other acts as natural persons; may purchase and hold real, personal and mixed property, to an amount not exceeding _____ and dispose of the same for the benefit of the said institution; and may have and use a seal, which may be broken or altered at pleasure.

1 Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the president of the United

2 States be, and is hereby authorized to locate, where to him may
 3 seem most fit, to grant and to convey, in fee simple, to the said
 4 corporation, six hundred building lots in the city of Washington,
 5 in the district of Columbia, of the number therein which are the
 6 property of the United States, upon condition that the said corpo-
 7 ration do not alienate, at the present time, more than one third part
 8 of the lots so granted, nor more than another third part, at any
 9 time sooner than ten years after the first sale, nor the remaining
 10 third part sooner than ten years after the second sale, and do, as
 11 near as possible, retain, at the first and second sales, the lots conti-
 12 guous to those sold: moreover, with reservation to the United
 13 States of power to direct, hereafter, by law, the application to any
 14 public purpose whatever, of all excess above four thousand dollars
 15 of annual income, which the funds now granted may in any way
 16 produce; and under stipulation further of full power to congress,
 17 at any future time, not sooner than five years, to change, by law,
 18 the title of the corporation, the manner of choosing or appointing
 19 all its officers, the form of its government, the plans adopted by it
 20 for the instruction of youth, free education, the distribution of
 21 literary honours, and the diffusion of learning and science, and to
 22 give it such other title, constitution, organization and laws as may
 23 seem better adapted to the end of such an institution at that time;
 24 which condition, reservation and stipulation are hereby declared and
 25 made the indispensable terms of the said grant.

1 Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the corporation aforesaid
 2 be, and is hereby, authorised to ask and receive, from the execu-
 3 tors of the late George Washington, the funds bequeathed by him
 4 for the advancement of the objects herein contemplated.